

SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD Architect of the Capitol - January 2004		REQUISITION NO. SB060137		PROJECT NO.	PAGE 1 OF 48 PAGES
1. CONTRACT NO.		2. SOLICITATION NO. RFP 060079	3. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <u> X </u> SEALED BID (IFB) <u> X </u> NEGOTIATED (RFP)		4. DATE ISSUED JANUARY 17, 2006
5. ISSUED BY ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL United States Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515			6. ADDRESS OFFER TO (If other than Item 5) Architect of the Capitol Procurement Division Ford House Office Building Attn: (CAROLYN HORNE) Room H2-263 Bid Room Second and "D" Streets, S.W. Washington DC 20515		
NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".					
SUBJECT: FABRICATION OF MEMBER IDENTIFICATION AND STATE SEAL INTERIOR WAY FINDING SIGN AGE FOR THE SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS, WASHINGTON, DC.					

SOLICITATION

7. Sealed offers in original and <u> 2 </u> complete copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 6 until 2:00 P.M., local time, February 17,2006. CAUTION - Submission, Modification, Revision, and Withdrawal of Offers: See Section L. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.	
8. FOR INFORMATION CALL: CAROLYN HORNE TELEPHONE NO. <i>(Include area code)</i> (NO COLLECT CALLS) (202) 226-1940	

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OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

NOTE: ITEM 10 does not apply if the solicitation includes the provision entitled Minimum Bid Acceptance Period.				
10. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within <u> 90 </u> calendar days <i>(60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror)</i> from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.				
11. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT		10 CALENDAR DAYS %	20 CALENDAR DAYS %	30 CALENDAR DAYS % <u> </u> CALENDAR DAYS %
12. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS <i>(The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION for offerors and related documents numbered and dated:</i>		AMENDMENT NO.	DATE	AMENDMENT NO. DATE
13A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR DUNS NO. _____ TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO. _____		14. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER <i>(Type or Print)</i>		
13B. TELEPHONE & FACSIMILE NOS. <i>(Include area codes)</i>		13C. CHECK IF REMITTANCE ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE -ENTER <u> </u> SUCH ADDRESS IN SCHEDULE		15. SIGNATURE
				16. OFFER DATE

AWARD (To be completed by Government)

17. ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS NUMBERED		18. AMOUNT	19. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION	
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22. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER <i>(Type or print)</i>			23. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <i>(Signature of Contracting Officer)</i>	24. AWARD DATE

SECTION B

SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

- B.1 GENERAL PURPOSE.** The Contractor shall furnish all materials, labor and equipment necessary for the fabrication of interior sign age for all jurisdictions (see the SPECIFICATIONS AND THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS) as required by the Architect of the Capitol.
- B.2 PRICING INFORMATION.** Section B provides the prices to be paid for the supplies and services as described herein. Contract Line Item Numbers (CLINs) 0001 is for the Base Year and CLIN 0002 is for an Optional Quantity.
- B.3 CONTRACT LINE ITEM PRICING.** Pricing for all CLINs listed in Section B must be provided by each offeror for each contract period(s). Prices proposed by the successful offeror and accepted at time of award will be binding on the successful offeror as the unit prices to be used for all costs and work order proposals under subject CLIN(s).

THE SCHEDULE

SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

B.4 SCHEDULE OF ITEMS : BASE QUANTITY

0001 The Contractor shall provide all materials, labor, and equipment necessary for the fabrication of Member Identification and State Seal Interior Way finding Sign age for the Senate Office Buildings (to include the Hart, Dirksen, and Russell office buildings) located in Washington, DC in accordance with the terms and conditions, specifications and drawings in the resultant Contract. (SEE SECTION J)

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>U/M</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0001AA	Sign Type O.1 - Member Identification Name Plaque	100	\$ _____	EA	\$ _____
0001AB	Sign Type O.2 - Member Identification State Seal Plaque	100	\$ _____	EA	\$ _____

B.4.1 SCHEDULE OF ITEMS : OPTIONAL QUANTITY

0002 The Contractor shall provide all materials, labor, and equipment necessary for the fabrication of Member Identification and State Seal Interior Way finding Sign age for the Senate Office Buildings (to include the Hart, Dirksen, and Russell office buildings) located in Washington, DC in accordance with the terms and conditions, specifications and drawings in the resultant Contract.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>U/M</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0002AA	Sign Type O.1 - Member Identification Name Plaque	100	\$ _____	EA	\$ _____
0002AB	Sign Type O.2 - Member Identification State Seal Plaque	100	\$ _____	EA	\$ _____

END OF THE SCHEDULE

SECTION C
DESCRIPTIONS/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

SEE SECTION J., ATTACHMENT (s) :

ATCH. 16: General Requirements, Division - 01000 (AOC Project No. 950141) dated 1 December 2005

ATCH 17: Specifications: Section 10431 - Signs, dated 1 December 2005

SECTION E
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FAR 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these addresses: www.gsa.gov or www.govcon.com

<u>CLAUSE TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FAR NUMBER</u>
INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES--FIXED-PRICE	AUG 1996	52.246-2
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES	APR 1984	52.246-16

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(a) A variation in the quantity of any item called for by this contract will not be accepted unless the variation has been caused by conditions of loading, shipping, or packing, or allowances in manufacturing processes, and then only to the extent, if any, specified in paragraph (b) of this clause.

(b) The permissible variation shall be limited to:

0 Percent increase

0 Percent decrease. This increase or decrease shall apply to **ALL CLINS**

(End of clause)

CONTRACT TIME (AOC) (NOV 2002)

The base contract period shall be for 12 months from date of contract award, with an option to extend the term of the contract for one additional one-year period, in accordance with Article entitled "Option to Extend the Term of the Contract." The total duration of the base and option period shall not exceed two (2) years.

(End of clause)

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<u>CLAUSE TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FAR NUMBER</u>
F.O.B. DESTINATION	NOV 1991	52.247-34

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AOC52.201-1 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY (JUN 2004)

The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to make or approve any changes in any of the requirements of this contract, notwithstanding any provision contained elsewhere in this contract. In the event that the Contractor makes any change at the direction of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any increase in costs incurred as a result thereof.

(End of clause)

AOC52.201-2 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR) (MAR 2005)

The Government shall provide the name, address and telephone number of the COTR at the time of contract award and the duties thereby delegated to that person. Any subsequent change to the individual or the individual's responsibilities will be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer. In no instance will the COTR be delegated authority to order any change in the contractor's performance which would affect (a) cost or schedule for contracts for services or supplies, or (b) scope, the completion date for intermediate phases or milestones, or overall completion date for contracts for construction.

(End of clause)

AOC52.223-8 DELIVERY VEHICLE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (SEP 2004)

(a) All vehicles and contents used by the Contractor or his subcontractors which enter or leave United States Government property during performance of work under this contract will be subject to clearance, inspection, and identification procedures conducted by the United States Capitol Police.

(b) *Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (Mobile VACIS)*. All delivery vehicles carrying fuel, garbage, or similar cargo that cannot be offloaded for inspection and security screening shall utilize the Mobile VACIS located at Third and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, for inspection prior to making deliveries to any building within the Capitol Complex, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Capitol Building; the U.S. Botanic Garden; the Hart, Dirksen, and Russell Senate Office Buildings; the Rayburn, Longworth, Cannon, and Ford House Office Buildings; the Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison Memorial Library of Congress buildings; the Capitol Power Plant; the Capitol Visitors Center; and the U.S. Supreme Court and Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Buildings.

(1) For deliveries requiring Mobile VACIS inspection, within seven calendar days or prior to the first delivery, the contractor shall provide the following information to the U.S. Capitol Police:

- (i) List of drivers;
- (ii) Date of birth for each driver;
- (iii) Social Security Number of each driver;
- (iv) Vehicle make;
- (v) Vehicle model;
- (vi) License tag number and state where vehicle is licensed;
- (vii) Color of vehicle; and
- (viii) Contractor name, if shown on the vehicle.

(2) Information for deliveries made through the Mobile VACIS unit must be faxed to (202) 228-4313. For verification of receipt, the contractor may call (202) 224-9728.

(3) Updates to the above information for Mobile VACIS deliveries must be sent to the U.S. Capitol Police throughout the period of performance of the contract.

c) *40 P Street SE inspection facility.* All other vehicles making deliveries to the above listed locations except for the Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison Memorial Library of Congress buildings and the U.S. Supreme Court shall utilize the off-site inspection and screening facilities at 40 P Street, SE, in compliance with instructions as provided elsewhere in this contract.

(End of clause)

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AOC52.202-1 DEFINITIONS (JUN 2004)

- (a) The term "head of the agency" as used herein means the Committee, Commission, or other authority of the Legislative Branch of the Government having final jurisdiction or supervision over the work involved. The term "other authority" as used in this paragraph includes the Contracting Officer in cases in which he has final jurisdiction or supervision over the work involved.
- (b) The term "Architect" as used herein means the Architect of the Capitol.
- (c) The term "Contracting Officer" as used herein means the Architect of the Capitol or his duly authorized representative.
- (d) The term "his duly authorized representative" as used herein means any person or persons or board authorized to act for the head of the agency within the scope of their authority.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the term "subcontracts" includes purchase orders placed for performance under this contract.

(End of clause)

AOC52.203-1 ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS (DEC 2005)

- (a) It is the policy of the Congress to discourage contractors providing services and supplies to the Legislative Branch entities, including the Architect of the Capitol, from advertising practices that feature the Capitol and Capitol Complex in a manner in which conveys, or is reasonably calculated to convey, a false impression of sponsorship, approval or endorsement of any product or service by the Congress, the Government of the United States, or any Department, Agency or instrumentality thereof.
- (b) Contractors performing construction services for Legislative Branch entities, including the Architect of the Capitol, are discouraged from capitalizing on their contractual relationships with such entities and shall not engage in advertising practices which convey, or are reasonably calculated to convey, a false impression of sponsorship, approval or endorsement of any product or service by the Congress, the Government of the United States, of any Department, Agency or instrumentality thereof. This includes utilizing, in conjunction with the fact of their contractual relationship, images of the Capitol, any other buildings in the Capitol Complex, or any part of the United States Capitol Grounds in their advertising or promotional materials; and/or publishing or disseminating the aforementioned advertising or promotional materials.
- (c) The Contractor, by signing this contract, agrees to comply with the foregoing and to submit any

proposed advertising or promotional copy connected in any manner with this contract and/or the Capitol, other Capitol Complex Buildings, or the United States Capitol Grounds to the Contracting Officer for approval prior to publication.

(d) If this solicitation is for supplies or services, including construction, to be provided to or performed for the United States Supreme Court, the Contractor, by signing this contract, agrees that he or she will not advertise the award of the contract in his/her commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the Supreme Court of the United States endorses a product, project, or commercial line of endeavor.

(End of clause)

AOC52.203-2 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC (JUN 2004)

(a) Promptly after receiving any request from the general public for information on or data derived from this contract, the contractor shall notify the Architect of the Capitol, Procurement Division. The contractor shall cooperate with the Procurement Division in compiling or collecting information or data if the Architect of the Capitol determines the information or data to be releasable.

(b) "General public", for purposes of this clause, are those groups or individuals who are not authorized by law or regulation to have access.

(c) This clause is not intended to prevent the contractor from providing contract information or data which the contractor is required to provide in order to conduct its business, such as insurance, banking, subcontracting.

(d) The contractor is permitted to request that proprietary information or data not be released if such release would harm or impair the contractor in conducting its normal business. Such request must be documented with clear and specific grounds for that claim.

(End of clause)

AOC52.204-1 PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER (JUN 2004)

The Contractor is encouraged to submit paper documents, such as offers, letters, or reports, that are printed or copied doubled-sided on recycled paper and meet minimum content standards when not using electronic commerce methods to submit information or data to the Government.

(End of clause)

AOC52.215-10 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS (JUN 2004)

(a) The Contractor agrees that the Architect of the Capitol or any duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under this contract, have access to and the right to

examine any books, accounting procedures and practices documents, papers, records and other data regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data or in any other form and other supporting evidence, involving transactions related to this contract or compliance with any clause or certification thereunder.

(b) The Contractor further agrees to include in all its subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that subcontractor agrees that the Architect of the Capitol or any authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under the subcontract, have access to and the right to examine books, documents, papers, records other data regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data or in any other form, and other supporting evidence, involving transactions related to the subcontract or compliance with any clause or certification thereunder.

(c) The term "subcontract" as used in this clause excludes purchase orders not exceeding \$10,000.

(End of clause)

**FAR 52.217-7 OPTION FOR INCREASED QUANTITY -- SEPARATELY PRICED LINE ITEM
(MAR 1989)**

The Government may require the delivery of the numbered line item, identified in the Schedule as an option item, in the quantity and at the price stated in the Schedule. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within (30-days) Delivery of added items shall continue at the same rate the like items are called for under the contract, unless the parties otherwise agree.

(End of clause)

AOC52.219-1 UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (AUG 2004)

(a) It is the policy of the Government as declared by the Congress that a fair proportion of the purchases and contracts for supplies and services for the Government be placed with all types of small business concerns as determined by the size standards in 13 CFR 121.

(b) The Contractor agrees to accomplish the maximum amount of subcontracting to all types of small business concerns that the Contractor finds to be consistent with the efficient performance of this contract.

(End of clause)

AOC52.222-3 CONVICT LABOR (JUN 2004)

In connection with the performance of work under this contract the Contractor agrees not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment except as provided by Public Law 89-176, approved September 10, 1965, 18 U.S.C. 4082(c)(2).

(End of clause)

**FAR 52.223-3 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND MATERIAL SAFETY DATA
(JAN 1997) ALTERNATE I (JULY 1995)**

(a) “Hazardous material” as used in this clause, includes any material defined as hazardous under the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313 (including revisions adopted during the term of the contract).

(b) The offeror must list any hazardous material, as defined in Paragraph (a) of this clause, to be delivered under this contract. The hazardous material shall be properly identified and include any applicable identification number, such as National Stock Number or Special Item Number. This information shall also be included on the Material Safety Data Sheet submitted under this contract.

Material (If none, insert “None”)	Identification No.
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(c) This list must be updated during performance of the contract whenever the Contractor determines that any other material to be delivered under this contract is hazardous.

(d) The apparently successful offeror agrees to submit, for each item as required prior to award a “Material Safety Data Sheet”, meeting the requirement of 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) and the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313, for all hazardous material identified in Paragraph (b) of this clause. Data shall be submitted in accordance with Federal Standard No. 313, whether or not the apparently successful offeror is the actual manufacturer of these items. Failure to submit the Material Safety Data Sheet prior to award may result in the apparently successful offeror being considered non-responsible and ineligible for award.

(e) If, after award, there is a change in the composition of the items(s) or a revision to Federal Standard No. 313, which renders incomplete or inaccurate the data submitted under Paragraph (d) of this clause, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer and resubmit the data.

(f) Neither the requirements of this clause nor any act or failure to act by the Government shall relieve the Contractor of any responsibility or liability for the safety of Government, Contractor, or subcontractor personnel or property.

(g) Nothing contained in this clause shall relieve the Contractor from complying with applicable Federal, State and local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations (including the obtaining of licenses and permits) in connection with hazardous material.

(h) The Government’s rights in data furnished under this contract with respect to hazardous material are as follows:

(1) To use, duplicate and disclose any data to which this clause is applicable. The purposes of this right are to—

(i) Apprise personnel of the hazards to which they may be exposed in using, handling, packaging, transporting, or disposing of hazardous materials;

(ii) Obtain medical treatment for those affected by the material; and

(iii) Have others use, duplicate and disclose the data for the Government for these purposes.

(2) To use, duplicate and disclose data furnished under this clause, in accordance with subparagraph (h)(1) of this clause, in precedence over any other clause of this contract providing for rights in data.

(3) The Government is not precluded from using similar or identical data acquired from other sources.

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (i)(2), the Contractor shall prepare and submit a sufficient number of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's), meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) and the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313, for all hazardous materials identified in paragraph (b) of this clause.

(1) For items shipped to consignees, the Contractor shall include a copy of the MSDS's with the packing list or other suitable shipping document which accompanies each shipment. Alternatively, the Contractor is permitted to transmit MSDS's to consignees in advance of receipt of shipments by consignees, if authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(2) For items shipped to consignees identified by mailing address as agency depots, distribution centers or customer supply centers, the Contractor shall provide one copy of the MSDS' in or on each shipping container. If affixed to the outside of each container, the MSDS's must be placed in a weather resistant envelope.

(End of clause)

**AOC52.223-1 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND MATERIAL SAFETY
DATA - SUPPLEMENT (JUN 2005)**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the Contractor shall prepare and submit a sufficient number of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's), meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) and the latest version of Federal Standard No. 313, for all hazardous materials identified in FAR 52.223-3(b).

(b) For items shipped to consignees, the Contractor shall include a copy of the MSDS's with the packing list or other suitable shipping document which accompanies each shipment. Alternatively, the Contractor is permitted to transmit MSDS's to consignees in advance of receipt of shipments by consignees, if authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(c) For items shipped to consignees identified by mailing address as agency depots, distribution centers or customer supply centers, the Contractor shall provide one copy of the MSDS' in or on each shipping container. If affixed to the outside of each container, the MSDS's must be placed in a weather resistant envelope.

(d) For items provided to a construction site, the Contractor shall provide two copies of each MSDS. One copy shall be provided to the COTR in accordance with the Division 1 submittal requirements, and a second copy shall be kept in an MSDS binder on the job site.

(End of clause)

AOC52.223-9 ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMS (SEP 2004)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the safety and health standards published in 41 C.F.R. Part 50-205, including any matters incorporated by reference therein.

(b) The Contractor shall also comply with the regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as set forth in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the Architect any work encountered that may involve entry into a suspected confined space as defined by OSHA. A determination will be made by the Architect, and if the areas is deemed a permit required confined space, additional protective measures will be needed, per OSHA requirements.

(d) In the event that conditions on the site pose an imminent danger or threat to the Contractor's workers, the public, Government employees, other persons, or to Capitol complex structures and property of historical significance, the Contracting Officer can verbally order the Contractor to stop work operations in the specified area until said conditions are corrected to the Contracting Officer's satisfaction. The Contracting Officer shall promptly issue a written order to stop the work to the Contractor formalizing the specifics of the verbal stop work order.

(e) The Contractor shall not be entitled to any equitable adjustment of the contract price or extension of the performance schedule on any stop work order issued under this clause.

(End of clause)

AOC52.225-1 BUY AMERICAN ACT - SUPPLEMENT (JUN 2004)

In addition to provisions of the above clause entitled, "Buy American Act", the General Provisions of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act provides in part, as follows:

(a) It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products

purchased with funds made available in the Act should be American-made.

(b) In providing financial assistance to or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available in the Act, the head of each Federal Agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in Paragraph (a) above, by the Congress.

(End of clause)

AOC52.227-1 PATENT INDEMNITY - COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUN 2004)

The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark or copyright, arising out of the performance of the contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.

(End of clause)

AOC52.232-1 PAYMENTS - SUPPLIES (JUN 2004)

(a) The Contractor shall be paid, upon the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated herein for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less deductions, if any, as herein provided. Unless otherwise specified, payment will be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government when the amount due on such deliveries so warrants; or, when requested by the Contractor and not otherwise specified, payment for accepted partial deliveries shall be made whenever such payment would equal 50 percent of the total amount of this contract.

(b) If partial payments are to be made, all material and work covered by partial payments made shall thereupon become the sole property of the Government, but this provision shall not be construed as relieving the Contractor from the sole responsibility of fulfilling contractual requirements for all material and work upon which payments have been made or the restoration of any damaged work, or as waiving the right of the Government to require the fulfillment of all of the terms of the contract.

(c) Upon completion and acceptance of all work, the amount due the Contractor under this contract will be paid upon the presentation of a properly executed invoice and after the Contractor shall have furnished the Government with a release, if required, of all claims against the Government arising under and by virtue of this contract, other than claims, if any, in stated amounts as may be specifically excepted by the Contractor from the operation of the release. If the Contractor's claim to amounts payable under the contract has been assigned under the Assignment of Claims Act of 1940, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3727, 41 U.S.C. 15), a release may also be required of the assignee.

(d) Until further notice, properly certified invoices shall be FAXED, in triplicate, to the Accounting Office, Architect of the Capitol at 202-226-2580. Information concerning requirements for payment requisitions must be secured by telephoning the Accounting Officer at (202) 226-2552. To assist the AOC

in making timely payments, the Contractor is requested to furnish the following additional information on the invoice:

- (1) Contract number;
- (2) Name, address and Taxpayer I.D. of Contractor;
- (3) Invoice Date; and
- (4) Amount by line item including quantity and unit pricing (see the "SCHEDULE OF ITEMS" in Section B)

(e) Payments will be made directly to the contractor's financial institution through Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT). The Contractor's attention is directed to the requirements of AOC52.232-6, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - Other Than Central Contractor Registration.

(End of clause)

AOC52.232-6 PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER - OTHER THAN CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (JUN 2004)

(a) *Method of payment.* (1) All payments by the Government under this contract shall be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this clause. As used in this clause, the term "EFT" refers to the funds transfer.

(2) In the event the Government is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the contractor agrees to either--

(i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or

(ii) Request the Government to delay payment until such time as the Government makes payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d)).

(b) *Mandatory submission of Contractor's EFT information.* (1) The Contractor is required to provide the Government with the information required to make payment by EFT (see paragraph (i) of this clause). The contractor shall provide this information directly to the office designated in paragraph (k) to receive that information (hereafter: "designated office") by three working days after notification of contract award. If not otherwise specified in this contract, the payment office is the designated office for receipt of the contractor's EFT information. If more than one designated office is named for the contract, the contractor shall provide a separate notice to each office. In the event that the EFT information changes, the contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to the designated office(s).

(2) If the contractor provides EFT information applicable to multiple contracts, the contractor

shall specifically state the applicability of this EFT information in terms acceptable to the designated office. However, EFT information supplied to a designated office shall be applicable only to contracts that identify that designated office as the office to receive EFT information for that contract.

(c) *Mechanisms for EFT payment.* The Government may make payment by EFT through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR part 210.

(d) *Suspension of payment.* (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other clause of this contract, the Government is not required to make any payment under this contract until after receipt, by the designated payment office, of the correct EFT payment information from the Contractor. Until receipt of the correct EFT information, any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a valid invoice.

(2) If the EFT information changes after submission of correct EFT information, the Government shall begin using the changed EFT information no later than the 30 days after its receipt by the designated office to the extent payment is made by EFT. However, the Contractor may request that no further payments be made until the changed EFT information is implemented by the payment office.

(e) *Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers.* (1) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Government failed to use the Contractor-provided EFT information in the correct manner, the Government remains responsible for--

- (i) Making a correct payment; and
- (ii) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.

(2) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because Contractor's EFT information was incorrect at the time of Government release or was revised within 30 days of Government release of the EFT payment transaction instruction to the Federal Reserve System, and

(i) If the funds are no longer under the control of the payment office, the Government is deemed to have made payment and the Contractor is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or

(ii) If the funds remain under the control of the payment office, the Government shall not make payment and the provisions of paragraph (d) shall apply.

(f) *EFT and assignment of claims.* If the contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment that the assignee shall provide the EFT information required by paragraph (i) of this clause to the designated office and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of

Paragraph (d) of this clause.

(g) *Liability for change of EFT information by financial agent.* The Government is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information provided by the contractor's financial agent.

(h) *Payment information.* The payment or disbursing office shall forward to the Contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. The Government may request the Contractor to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods the payment office is capable of executing. However, the Government does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available at any particular payment office and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to the Government. If the Government makes payment by check in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government shall mail the payment information to the remittance address in the contract.

(i) *EFT Information.* The contractor shall provide the following information to the designated payment office. The contractor may supply this data for this or multiple contracts (see paragraph (b) of this clause). The Contractor shall designate a single financial agent per contract capable of receiving and processing the EFT information using the EFT methods described in paragraph (c) of this clause. The information required is as follows:

- (1) The contract number;
- (2) The contractor's name and remittance address as stated in the contract(s);
- (3) The signature (manual or electronic, as appropriate), title, and telephone number of the contractor's official authorized to provide this information;
- (4) The name, address, and 9-digit Routing Transit Number of the contractor's financial agent;
and
- (5) The contractor's account number and the type of account (checking, saving or lockbox).

(j) The Contractor shall send all EFT information, and any changes to EFT information to the office designated in paragraph (k) of this clause. The Contractor shall not send EFT information to the payment office, or any other office than that designated in paragraph (k). The Government need not use any EFT information sent to any office other than that designated in paragraph (k).

(k) Designated office:

Name:

Architect of the Capital

Accounting Division

Mailing Address:

2nd and D Streets SW

Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Telephone:
(202) 226-2552
Facsimile:
(202) 225-7321

(End of clause)

AOC52.232-7 DISCOUNTS (AUG 2004)

(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a prompt payment discount in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include prompt payment discounts on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the agency annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday and, for work performed in the District of Columbia, Presidential Inauguration Day, when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

(End of clause)

AOC52.232-9 PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON CONTRACTOR CLAIMS (JUN 2004)

(a) If an appeal is filed by the Contractor from a final decision of the Contracting Officer under the Disputes paragraph of this contract, denying a claim arising under the contract, simple interest on the amount of the claim finally determined owed by the Government shall be payable to the Contractor. Such interest shall be at the rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to Public Law 92-41, 85 Stat. 97, from the date the Contractor furnishes to the Contracting Officer his written appeal under the Disputes paragraph of this contract, to the date of (1) a final judgement by a court of competent jurisdiction, or (2) mailing to the Contractor of a change order, or a supplemental agreement for execution either confirming completed negotiations between the parties or carrying out a decision of a contract appeals board.

(b) Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) above, (1) interest shall be applied only from the date payment was due, if such date is later than the filing of appeal, and (2) interest shall not be paid for any period of time that the Contracting Officer determines the Contractor has unduly delayed in pursuing his remedies before

a board of contract appeals or a court of competent jurisdiction.

(End of clause)

AOC52.232-12 ASSIGNMENT - SUPPLEMENT (SEP 2004)

Neither the contract nor any interest therein shall be assigned. However, moneys due or to become due under the contract may be assigned in accordance with the provisions of FAR clause 52.232-23 (ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS) as incorporated by reference in Section I.

(End of clause)

AOC52.233-1 DISPUTES (JUN 2004)

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Contracting Officer, who shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive unless, within 30 days from the date of receipt of such copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes to the Contracting Officer a written appeal addressed to the head of the agency involved. The decision of the head of the agency or his duly authorized representative for the determination of such appeals shall be final and conclusive. This provision shall not be pleaded in any suit involving a question of fact arising under this contract as limiting judicial review of any such decision to cases where fraud by such official or his representative or board is alleged; **provided, however**, that any such decision shall be final and conclusive unless the same is fraudulent or capricious or arbitrary or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith or is not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this paragraph, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of his appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision.

(b) This paragraph does not preclude consideration of questions of law in connection with decisions provided for in Paragraph (a) above. Nothing in this contract, however, shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative, or board on a question of law.

(End of clause)

AOC52.233-2 CLAIMS FOR EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS - WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS
(JUN 2004)

(a) Whenever the Contractor submits a claim for equitable adjustment under any paragraph of this contract which provides for equitable adjustment of the contract, such claim shall include all types of adjustments in the total amounts to which the paragraph entitles the Contractor, including but not limited to adjustments arising out of delays or disruptions or both caused by such change. Except as the parties

may otherwise expressly agree, the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived (1) any adjustments to which it otherwise might be entitled under the paragraph where such claims fail to request such adjustments, and (2) any increase in the amount of equitable adjustments additional to those requested in its claim.

(b) Further, the Contractor agrees that, if required by the Contracting Officer, he will execute a release, in form and substance satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, as part of the supplemental agreement setting forth the aforesaid equitable adjustment, and that such release shall discharge the Government, its officers, agents and employees, from any further claims, including but not limited to further claims arising out of delays or disruptions or both, caused by the aforesaid change.

(End of clause)

AOC52.245-2 GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY (NOV 2004)

(a) For the purposes of this clause, Government-furnished “property” includes cell phones and telephones, personal digital assistants, computers (including laptops), electronic devices, services such as network access, tools, furnished space, storage, utilities, furnishings, equipment, and any other item or service provided by the AOC to the contractor.

(b) No AOC equipment or property can be provided under this contract unless specifically negotiated as part of the award price. If, after contract award, it becomes necessary or advisable to issue AOC property to the contractor, the contract price shall be reduced by a reasonable amount that reflects the price the contractor would pay if providing the property.

(c) The Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative (COTR) for this contract is responsible for coordinating the issuance and return of Government-furnished property.

(d) Any Government-furnished property provided to the contractor for use during performance of this contract shall be issued to the contractor’s representative and recorded on AOC Form 1423, AOC PROPERTY ISSUED TO CONTRACTORS. The contractor’s representative shall be responsible for the ensuring the proper care and use of the Government-furnished property, whether used by the contractor representative or another contractor employee. Government-furnished property provided by the AOC can be used only for the conduct of official business on behalf of the AOC. The contractor is specifically prohibited from using AOC furnished property for personal use or to conduct operations that benefit other Government agency contracts or other contractor activities that do not directly support AOC contracts.

(e) All information technology property that requires interface or connection to the AOC network must be provided by the AOC. The use of non-AOC IT property that requires interface or connection to the AOC network is strictly prohibited.

(f) All contractor employees who require access to the AOC network or who are issued a personal digital assistant must complete and sign the “Non-disclosure Agreement for Contract Employees Conditional Access to Sensitive but Unclassified Information for The Architect of The Capitol” before access will be

granted. The COTR is responsible for providing the non-disclosure agreements to the AOC Office of Information Resources Management.

(g) All Government-furnished property shall be returned by the contractor to the COTR in the same condition as issued, with allowances for wear and tear that occurs with reasonable care and use. Failure to return Government-furnished property or the return of Government-furnished property that has not been properly maintained and used may result in a reduction to the contract price that reflects the market replacement value of the property or the market price to repair or restore the property to its condition when issued to the contractor.

(End of clause)

AOC52.246-3 WARRANTY OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUN 2004)

The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(End of clause)

Contractor's Obligation. (1) Notwithstanding inspection and acceptance by the Government of supplies furnished under this contract, or any condition of this contract concerning the conclusiveness thereof, the Contractor warrants that for 12-months from the date of final delivery and acceptance all supplies furnished under this contract will be free from defects in material or workmanship and will conform with all requirements of this contract; and

(2) The preservation, packaging, packing, and marking, and the preparation for, and method of, shipment of such supplies will conform with the requirements of this contract.

(c) When return, correction, or replacement is required, transportation charges and responsibility for the supplies while in transit shall be borne by the Contractor. However, the Contractor's liability for the transportation charges shall not exceed an amount equal to the cost of transportation by the usual commercial method of shipment between the place of delivery specified in this contract and the Contractor's plant, and return.

(d) Any supplies or parts thereof, corrected or furnished in replacement under this clause, shall also be subject to the terms of this clause to the same extent as supplies initially delivered. The warranty, with respect to supplies or parts thereof, shall be equal in duration to that in paragraph (b)(1) of this clause and shall run from the date of delivery of the corrected or replaced supplies.

(e) All implied warranties of merchantability and "fitness for a particular purpose" are excluded from any obligation contained in this contract.

(f) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the Government by any other clause of this contract. (End of clause)

FAR 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these addresses: www.gsa.gov or www.govcon.com

<u>CLAUSE TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FAR NUMBER</u>
GRATUITIES	APR 1984	52.203-3
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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	JUN 1998	52.222-36
EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON SPECIAL DISABLED VETERANS, VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE VETERANS	DEC 2001	52.222-37
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001	52.223-6
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13	Project Information
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FAR 52.203-2 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (APR 1985)

(a) The offeror certifies that -

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to –

- (i) Those prices;
- (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
- (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and --

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory -

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; or

(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision

[insert full name of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this provision have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action

contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this provision, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

(End of provision)

FAR 52.204-3 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)

(a) *Definitions.*

"Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the IRS. If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(d) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).*

_____ TIN: _____.

_____ TIN has been applied for.

_____ TIN is not required because:

_____ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

_____ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

_____ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a Federal government;

(e) *Type of organization.*

_____ Sole proprietorship;

_____ Partnership;

_____ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

_____ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

_____ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

_____ Foreign government

_____ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

_____ Other _____

(f) *Common Parent.*

_____ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this provision.

_____ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name _____

TIN _____

(End of provision)

AOC52.204-2 DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER (JUN 2004)

(a) The offeror shall enter, in the space provided below, the DUNS number that identifies the offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number is a nine-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services.

(b) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contract Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one. A DUNS number will be provided immediately by telephone at no charge to the offeror. For information on obtaining a DUNS number, the offeror, if located within the United States, should call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-800-333-0505. The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

- (1) Company name,
- (2) Company address;
- (3) Company telephone number;
- (4) Line of business;
- (5) Chief executive officer/key manager;
- (6) Date the company was started;
- (7) Number of people employed by the company; and
- (8) Company affiliation.

(c) Offerors located outside the United States may obtain the location and phone number of the local Dun and Bradstreet Information Services office from the Internet home page at <http://www.customerservice@dnb.com>. If an offeror is unable to locate a local service center, it may send an e-mail to Dun and Bradstreet at globalinfo@mail.dnb.com.

(d) Enter DUNS number:_____.

(End of provision)

AOC52.204-3 REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (NOV 2004)

The offeror shall properly execute and submit with its offer the Representations and Certifications contained herein. Insert information in spaces provided as applicable.

(End of provision)

FAR 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DEC 2001)

(a)(1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—

(i) The offeror and/or any of its Principals –

(A) Are () are not () presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(B) Have () have not (), within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense

in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are () are not () presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) The Offeror has () has not (), within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.

(2) “Principals,” for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plan manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

(c) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(d) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror’s responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror non-responsible.

(e) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(f) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of provision)

AOC52.215-8 AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATORS (JUN 2004)

The offeror represents that following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the Government in connection with this Request for Proposal:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>Telephone:</u>	<u>E-Mail:</u>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>Telephone:</u>	<u>E-Mail:</u>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>Telephone:</u>	<u>E-Mail:</u>

(End of provision)

FAR 52.225-2 BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATE (JUNE 2003)

(a) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. The terms “component”, “domestic end product”, “end product”, “foreign end product”, and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act - Supplies”.

(b) Foreign End Products	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	(List as Necessary)

- (c) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of Part 25 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(End of provision)

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SECTION L
INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

AOC52.215-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS (FEB 2005)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision --

“Proposal modification” is a change made to a proposal before the solicitation’s closing date and time, or made in response to an amendment, or made to correct a mistake at any time before award.

“Proposal revision” is a change to a proposal made after the solicitation closing date, at the request of or as allowed by a Contracting Officer as the result of negotiations.

“Time,” if stated as a number of days, is calculated using calendar days, unless otherwise specified, and will include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, including Presidential Inauguration Day. However, if the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, including Presidential Inauguration Day, then the period shall include the next working day.

(b) Offerors are expected to examine the entire solicitation and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the offeror’s risk. Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation. The offeror will be held responsible for full knowledge of all information contained therein.

(c) *Packaging, transmission, and tracking of proposals.* (1) Proposals, modifications, and revisions shall be enclosed, in the quantities specified elsewhere in this solicitation, in sealed envelopes. **Address envelopes to: Architect of the Capitol, Procurement Division, Ford House Office Building, Attn: (Carolyn Horne), Room H2-263 Bid Room, Second and “D” Streets, S.W., Washington, DC 20515.** Offeror shall place the OF-17, Offer Label, on the exterior of the package on the same side as the address, or write “Bid Documents Enclosed”, “H2-263 Bid Room”, and write the solicitation number, time and date for receipt of offers on the exterior of the package on the same side as the address. Telegraphic or facsimile proposals and modifications will not be considered.

(2) Current security requirements established by the U.S. Capitol Police to screen mail being delivered to the U.S. Capitol Complex of buildings preclude the use of U. S. Postal Service by offerors to deliver their proposals submitted in response to this solicitation. In addition, because all packages must be screened for security purposes at a central location prior to their delivery, the Architect of the Capitol cannot accept packages containing offers hand carried directly to the Bid Room address within the Ford House Office Building, or any other location in the U.S. Capitol Complex of buildings. **See “Notice for Delivery” on the front of the solicitation.**

(3) **TO ASSIST IN TRACKING OF PROPOSALS, OFFERORS ARE REQUESTED TO FAX A COPY OF THEIR SIGNED “SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD” FORM AS WELL AS A COPY OF THE FEDEX OR UPS RECEIPT TO CAROLYN A. HORNE, TO (202) 225-3221 AT THE TIME OF THE ISSUANCE OF THEIR PROPOSAL..**

(4) The only acceptable method by which offerors can deliver their responses to this solicitation shall be via Federal Express (FEDEX) or United Parcel Service (UPS). Offers submitted via any other

method will be rejected. **OFFERORS - DO NOT MAIL YOUR OFFER BY REGULAR U.S. MAIL.** See notice attached to this solicitation for special instructions.

(d) *Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals.* (1) Offerors are responsible for submitting proposals and any modifications or revisions so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m. local time, for the designated Government office on the date that the proposal or revision is due. For the purposes of determining timeliness, the designated Government office is defined as the Pitney Bowes Management Services Capitol Heights Mail Facility at 9140 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743.

(2) Any proposal, modification, or revision received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is “late” and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would no unduly delay the acquisition, and-

(i) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals;

(ii) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of proposals and was under the Government’s control prior to the time set for receipt of proposals; or

(iii) It is the only proposal received.

(3) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(4) Acceptable evidence to establish the date of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

(5) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time specified in the solicitation and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(6) Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before award. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the proposal before award.

(End of provision)

(a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing no later than fourteen calendar days prior to the date established for receipt of offers. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of a contract will not be binding.

(b) Prospective offerors shall request the Contracting Officer, in writing, via FAX or e-mail for an interpretation or correction of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error in the contract documents which they may discover or which should have been discovered by a reasonably prudent offeror. Such requests or objections to materials or methods of construction shown or specified shall be directed to the attention of the Contracting Officer at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. Written requests shall be transmitted via e-mail to chorne@aoc.gov or via facsimile to (202) 225-3221.

(c) Any interpretations or corrections, as well as any additional modifications the Contracting Officer may desire to include, will be in the form of amendments, in writing, which will be sent on the same date to all offerors if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors and shall become a part of any subsequent contract. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to answer only such questions as have, in his opinion, a definite bearing upon the proposals to be submitted.

(1) Offerors shall acknowledge the receipt of all amendments to the solicitation by:

(i) Signing and returning the amendment;

(ii) Identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on the form for submitting a offer;

(iii) Letter or telegram; or

(iv) Facsimile, if facsimile offers are authorized in the solicitation.

(2) The Government must receive the acknowledgment by the time and at the place specified for receipt of offers.

(d) Requests for oral interpretations or any other interpretations not made by amendments will not be accepted, and any information that may possibly be gained by offerors in that manner is gratuitous and not binding.

(e) If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that are not amended remain unchanged.

(End of provision)

AOC52.215-3 RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE AND USE OF DATA (JUN 2004)

Offerors that include in their proposals data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose, or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes, shall—

- (a) Mark the title page with the following legend:
“This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed--in whole or in part--for any purpose other than to evaluate this proposal. If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of--or in connection with--the submission of this data, the Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the Government’s right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets (insert numbers or other identification of sheets)”;
- (b) Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:
“Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.”

(End of provision)

AOC52.215-6 PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS (JUN 2004)

- (a) Offerors are expected to examine the drawings, if any, specifications, Schedule, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the Offerors risk.
- (b) Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation. The offerors shall sign the offer on Page 1 (SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD) in block 15 and return this solicitation package in its entirety. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the offer. Offers signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.
- (c) For each item offered, offers shall—
 - (1) Show the unit price, if required, including, unless otherwise specified, packaging, packing, and preservation; and
 - (2) Enter the extended price for the quantity of each item offer in the "Amount" column of the Schedule.
- (d) In case of discrepancy between a unit price and an extended price, the unit price will be presumed to be correct, subject, however, to correction to the same extent and in the same manner as any other mistake.

(e) Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.

(End of provision)

AOC52.215-9 FAILURE TO SUBMIT OFFER (JUN 2004)

Recipients of this solicitation not responding with a proposal should not return this solicitation, unless it specifies otherwise. Instead, they should advise the issuing office by letter, postcard, or established electronic commerce methods, whether they want to receive future solicitations for similar requirements. If a recipient does not submit a proposal and does not notify the issuing office that future solicitations are desired, the recipient's name will be removed from the applicable mailing list.

(End of provision)

AOC PROPOSAL COMPOSITION (NOV 1999)

Proposals shall be submitted in two major subdivisions: Technical Proposal whose content and arrangement shall be as described in the article, "INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" and a price proposal, which shall be prepared in detail on a basis as described and set forth in the article entitled, "INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE PRICE PROPOSAL" of this section.

The Technical Proposal and the Price Proposal portions of each proposal tendered by any offeror shall each be enclosed in a separate sealed package, identified on its outer surface as to content and submitted in the following number of copies:

Technical Proposal - One original and three (3) copies
Price Proposal - One original and one (1) copy

Each offeror may submit one or more proposals; however, each proposal shall be configured as described above, shall be considered on its own merit as to the completeness of submission and shall not share required documentation, bonding, or other requirements of submission with any other proposal submitted by the same offeror.

AOC INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (2002)

The technical proposal shall be organized in accordance with the following format to facilitate evaluation by the Government.

Technical Approach. The technical proposal shall be subdivided into two subsections:

(1) The offeror shall provide a description of:

Factor 1 - Relevant Experience: The offeror shall provide a listing of projects of similar scope, size, and complexity to the requirements of this project (Interior Way finding Sign age), i.e., that involved the fabrication of Sign age on various interior wall surfaces performed by the offeror during the last five years. Include projects where the offeror and proposed subcontractors/team, if applicable worked together. ***For each project listed, provide the following:*** Project, location; Contracting Agency/owner; Date of award and completion date(s); contract award amount/final amount; key personnel/subcontractors involved; brief description of project; point of contact at agency/owner and phone number; and **PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SIGNS CONSTRUCTED FOR THE PROJECT.**

Factor 2 - Past Performance: the past performance of the offeror (relevance of this experience to this project) and the proposed key sub-consultants will be evaluated to determine the extent of successful completion of projects, performed within the past five years, of similar scope, size, and complexity to the requirements of this project. Proposed sub consultants will be evaluated to determine if their qualifications are sufficient to carry out their portion of the work efficiently and effectively to the highest level of professional quality.

The evaluation of past performance will be based in part on client references with regard to factors including, but not limited to: the offeror's record of forecasting controlling costs; the offeror's adherence to contract schedules, including the administrative aspects of performance; the offeror's history of reasonable and cooperative behavior and commitment to customer satisfaction; and generally, the offeror's business-like concern for the interest of the customer.

Offerors will be given an opportunity to address especially unfavorable reports of past performance, and the offeror's response, or lack thereof, will be taken into consideration. In investigating the offeror's past performance, the Government will consider references submitted by the offeror and may consider information from other sources.

The Government's conclusions about the overall quality of the offeror's past performance will be highly influential in determining the relative merits of the offeror's proposal and in selecting the offers considered most advantageous to the Government. Past performance findings will be used to validate proposals against established evaluation criteria and assign an overall risk to the Government for successful performance.

AOC INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE PRICE PROPOSAL (JUNE 2003)

A firm fixed price shall be entered by each offeror on the Schedule page for each line item which shall represent the cost for performing the work required by this RFP. The Architect of the Capitol reserves the right to request from each offeror information regarding the breakdown of all costs that are included in these prices, to include copies of all work sheets used in forming the proposed pricing. Erasures or other changes on any or all submissions shall be initialed by the signer of the proposal or by his duly authorized agent.

In addition, the Representations and Certifications, with applicable information included in the spaces provided shall be included as part of the price proposal. The Price Proposal will be submitted with the required documents in the following order: **SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD form (Original signature required in block 20B; The SCHEDULE page; Representations and Certifications.**

FAR 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a **FIRM-FIXED-PRICE** contract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of provision)

FAR 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): www.gsa.gov or www.govcon.com

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SECTION M EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

AOC52.215-5 CONTRACT AWARD - SOURCE SELECTION PROCEDURES (JUN 2004)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, cost or price and other factors, specified elsewhere in this solicitation, considered.

(b) The Government may—

- (1) Reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest;
- (2) Accept other than the lowest offer; and
- (3) Waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(c) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with offerors (except clarifications as described in FAR 15.306(a)). Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. The Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer later determines them to be necessary. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals.

(d) The Government may accept any item or combination of items, unless doing so is precluded by a restrictive limitation in the solicitation or the offer.

(e) A written award or acceptance of offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer as provided in Paragraph (d) of this provision), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award. Negotiations conducted after receipt of an offer do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.

(f) Neither financial data submitted with an offer, nor representations concerning facilities or financing, will form a part of the resulting contract. However, if the resulting contract contains a clause providing for price reduction for defective cost or pricing data, the contract price will be subject to reduction if cost or pricing data furnished is incomplete, inaccurate, or not current.

(g) The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced between line items or sub line items. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable

total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of cost or price analysis techniques. A proposal may be rejected if the Contracting Officer determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk to the Government.

(End of provision)

AOC EVALUATION CRITERIA (NOV 1999)

General Requirements. The evaluation criteria to be used by the Contracting Officer for the selection of a contractor to perform the work specified herein are defined below. The criteria is divided into Technical and Price Categories. The Technical Evaluation Criteria when combined are significantly more important than price. However, as the difference in technical merit between the proposal becomes less significant, the relative importance of the proposed prices will increase.

Technical Evaluation Criteria. The criteria to be used in assessing the quality of each offer is listed below. For purposes of evaluation, Past Performance is considered equal in importance to the Technical/experience factors and when considered together are more important than cost/price.

Relevant experience. The offeror's and proposed key subcontractor's experience standard is met when the offeror has successfully completed 2 projects that are similar in scope and nature to the scope of this contract. Offerors possessing two or more years of experience working with projects of this type and nature may receive a more favorable rating.

Past Performance. The Government shall evaluate the business practices and quality of the offerors past performance based upon performing on buildings of historical significance. The assessment of the offeror's past performance will be used as a means of evaluating the relative capability of the offeror to other competitors. The Government will use references provided in response to Factor 1 above and may use other references, to verify past performance. Evaluation of past performance will be a subjective assessment based upon a consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances. The government is seeking to determine whether the offeror has consistently demonstrated a commitment to customer satisfaction and timely delivery of services at fair and reasonable prices. Offerors will be given an opportunity to address especially unfavorable reports of past performance, and the offeror's response, or lack thereof, will be taken into consideration. In investigating the offeror's past performance, the Government will consider references submitted by the offeror and may consider information from other sources.

The Government's conclusions about the overall quality of the offeror's past performance will be highly influential in determining the relative merits of the offeror's proposal and in selecting the offers considered most advantageous to the Government. Past performance findings will be used to validate proposals against established evaluation criteria and assign an overall risk to the Government for successful performance.

Price Evaluation Criteria. Price criterion measure not only actual dollars but also analyze the realism and reasonableness of the offeror's proposed price. Price will be evaluated to determine whether it is

reasonable and its position in the range of all prices. As noted above, the technical criteria is considered by the Contracting Officer to be significantly more important than the proposed price. However, as the difference in technical merit between proposals becomes less significant, the relative importance of price will increase.

It is intended that the contractor's unit prices cited within the Section B - Price Schedule, constitute the proposed maximum unit prices for use under this contract. Therefore, the contractor agrees that the maximum unit prices which may be charged on any effort performed on this contract, are those unit prices proposed on the Price Schedule.

FAR 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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